ployees. Whereas the demands for grant of washing allowance, maintenance of erstwhile governing body seniority and grant of special medical allowance to non-gezetted group B, C and D employees have not been accepted, the other demands are being examined in consultation with the concerned departments.

2538. [*Transferred to the 1st September, 1988*]

Guidelines for informal talks with unrecognised Unions

2539. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had issued guidelines to the Zonal and Divisional Heads of Railways to have informal talks with the unrecognised Unions/Associations during 1977—80;

(b) if so, whether those instructions still stands;

(c) if so, whether the Zonal and divisional authorities are complying with the instructions; and

(d) whether fresh guidelines have been issued to the Zonal and Divisional railway authorities regarding dealing with unrecognised Unions/Associations,

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Certain secret guidelines were issued.

(b) and (d) No, Sir. The guidelines earlier issued have been withdrawn.

(c) Does not arise.

Eradication of Malaria

2540. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken to combat malaria by other than the use of DDT;

(b) whether the WHO has utilised the methods other than spraying DDT; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to completely eradicate this menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Under National Malaria Eradication Programme, different strategies are applied to combat Malaria in rural and urban areas. In rural areas, the emphasis is mainly against the adult mosquitoes by spraying of appropriate insecticide like DDT, BHC & Malathion depending on the vector susceptibility and early detection and treatment of malaria cases. In urban areas, the control measures include anti-larval operation with larvicides like, mosquito larvicidal oil, Fenthion, Temephos and Parisgreen coupled with environmental mainpulation, minor engineering mehods and biological control through larviverous fish for source reduction.

The WHO is not directly involved in anti-Malaria operation but provide technical guidance.

(c) The Major control activities include:

(1) Timely and adequate spraying with appropriate insecticides in areas with Annual Parasite incidence 2 and above.

(2) Active surveillance with fortnightly visits for early detection and treatment of Malaria cases.

(3) Health education activities with mass-media, Radio, Television etc. to create public awareness for prevention of the diseases.

(4) In order to control the spread of the P. Palciparum infecti P. falciparum containment pro-

gramme is being implemented in the affected areas with the asistance of Swedish International Development Agency.

(5) Antilarval measures with appropriate larvincides to reduce the mosquito breading places are being carried out regularly in urban areas.

Opening of a CGHS Dispensary at Shimla

2541. SHRI R. S. NAIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start a CGHS Dispensary for the benefit of Central Government employees in Shimla; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Incentive to the Government Employess for donation of blood

2542. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a suggestion through the Ministry of Home Affairs for giving incentives to Central Government Employees who donate blood as reported in 'Indian Post' dated the 13th June, 1988; and

(b) whether Government propose to consider the said suggestion favourably in view of the crisis faced by Hospitals due to shortage of blood for patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Insurance scheme for porters/venders of Indian Railways

2543. SHRIMATI ELA RAMESH BHATT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Insurance Scheme covering the porters and venders of Indian Railways;

(b) whether there is any Health/Medical Scheme covering the porters and venders of the Indian Railways;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether such schemes are being contemplated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir. However, the Ministry of Finance in coordination with Life Insurance Corporation of India had evolved a Group Insurance Scheme for licensed porters.

(b) to (d) The licensed porters and the commission vendors are not railway employees. However, as a measure of social security they are given free medical treatment as out-door patients for self only in railway hospitals/dispensaries. They are also entitled to in-door treatment in railway hospitals in case they sustain injury on duty.

Insufficient Space for Ticket Counters of Guwahati Railway Station

2544. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the office staff in the booking counters at Guwahati Railway Station have been working in a state of great discomfort due to insufficient space in the office rooms; and